

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Takahiko IRIYAMA *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/865,476

Filed: May 29, 2001

For: ISOTROPIC POWDERY MAGNET
MATERIAL, PROCESS FOR PREPARING
AND RESIN-BONDED MAGNET

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 26, 2003

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed September 3, 2002. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before March 3, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 3 by replacing these claims with the following rewritten claims.

31 -- 1. (Amended) A flaky, isotropic SmFeN powdery magnet material prepared by roll-quenching a molten alloy and nitriding the alloy powder thus